RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 1713 PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of Docket No: Q83544 Hajime KONDOU Appln. No.: 10/509,034 Group Art Unit: 1713 Confirmation No.: 1370 Examiner: Peter D. MULCAHY Filed: March 4, 2005 NATURAL RUBBER, RUBBER COMPOSITION AND PNEUMATIC TIRE For: RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 **MAIL STOP AF** Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2007, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages. **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

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